

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1-91. (Canceled)

92. (New) A system for providing telephony service over the Internet, comprising in combination:

a call client downloadable to a user device located on the Internet, the call client operable to communicate both media and first call-control data across the Internet according to a non-native protocol, the media including voice data;

a database for determining whether a user associated with the user device is authorized to communicate via a call with a second user accessible through a Public-Switched Telephone Network (PSTN);

a gateway located at an interface between the Internet and the PSTN, the gateway operable to communicate according to a native protocol;

a Packet-switched Telephony Service Provider (PTSP) operable to communicate both the media and the first call-control data across the Internet with the call client according to the non-native protocol, the PTSP being further operable to communicate both the media and second call-control data across the Internet with the gateway according to the native protocol so that the call can be connected to the PSTN; and

a call logger associated with the PTSP and operable to track calls.

93. (New) The system of Claim 92, the PTSP including a call director and a plurality of call handlers, the call director operable to receive the first call-control data in the non-native protocol over the Internet from a plurality of user devices and distribute further call processing to the plurality of call handlers.

94. (New) The system of Claim 92, further comprising:

a plurality of gateways; and

a proxy server associated with the PTSP, the proxy server operable to receive and distribute calls across the plurality of gateways according to one or more non-proprietary protocols, including the native protocol.

95. (New) The system of Claim 92, the call client being operable to transmit both the media and the first call-control data in packets formatted according to the HTTP protocol.

96. (New) The system of Claim 92, wherein the native protocol is selected from H.323, SIP, and MGCP, and wherein messages according to the non-native protocol are in a format selected from UDP, TCP, and HTTP.

97. (New) The system of Claim 92, wherein the non-native protocol includes a set of data messages in a proprietary format, including telephone number, user device IP address, port number, and user identification token.

98. (New) The system of Claim 92, wherein the call client receives an "unauthorized" message if, by accessing the database, the PTSP determines that the user does not have a sufficient balance to place the call.